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turtle laying her eggs. His description, which I know to be reliable, follows:

He states that the turtle had almost buried herself in the sand; that the laying of each egg, at intervals of ten to fifteen seconds, was accompanied by a convulsive movement; that she appeared not to notice their presence while laying, although he struck her. He received 25 or 30 of the eggs in his hand as they were laid. After she had finished laying she filled the hole, and, with her flippers, smoothed the sand over, then showed a disposition to defend her nest by remaining near it, but they handled her roughly and she started for the sea, more than 100 yards distant. The nest was opened and the balance of the eggs secured. The entire number laid was only 87, which is the smallest number I have ever known to be laid by a logger-head turtle. In my experience they usually lay about 150.

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PADDLEFISH FOUND IN MUD.

During the construction of a dam across the Nolichucky River near Greeneville, Tenn., an area of the river bottom was exposed to view by means of a cofferdam on November 9th, 1913.

All the water was pumped out, and during the pumping process no fish were observed in the water.

The rock bed of the river was covered by two feet of clean sand, and over this was three or four inches of fine silt. In this silt were found half a dozen living fish called by the natives Shovel-nosed Catfish, identified at the American Museum of Natural History as Paddlefish, *Polyodon spathula*. These fish ranged from 2 to 2½ feet in length, the head and paddle being about half the length of the fish.

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